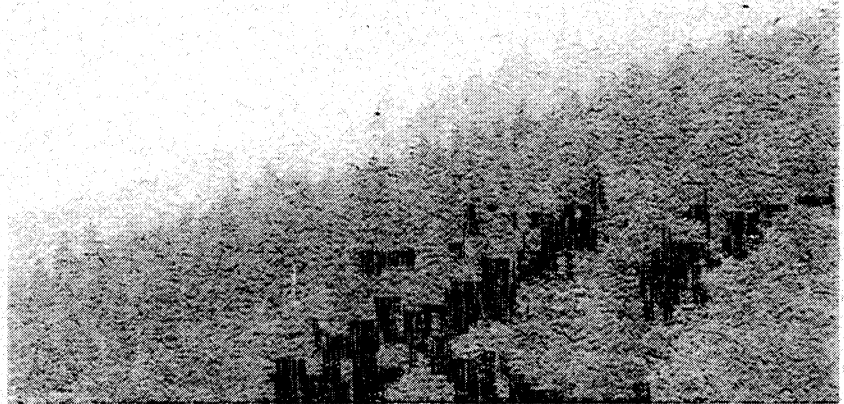


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Just as the 2.1 million acres of forests managed by the Department of Natural Resources are always growing and changing, we tend to think of our forest land management practices as constantly evolving. In fact, we began writing the Forest Resource Plan because it was clear that previous policies were not keeping pace with changes in management practices and public expectations.

With our knowledge of forest ecosystems continuing to grow rapidly, we recognize that our management policies must be flexible and easily adapted to new information and new forestry practices. The Forest Resource Plan is just such a document.

The Forest Resource Plan builds on what we have learned from consensus approaches to forestry regulation and old growth, from new forestry ideas and growth management legislation and from conservation efforts for the northern spotted owl.

As a result, it takes some dramatic departures from previous policies. It views our state forests in the larger context of landscapes and watersheds. It emphasizes protecting ecosystem diversity and ensuring habitat for rare and endangered species. Its policies are based on the best scientific information available coupled with on-the-ground experience from field personnel.

The plan is intended to guide state forest management until 2002. Yet, it is written so that changes we know will occur in the intervening years can be easily incorporated into policy and translated to the department's work in the field. Our implementation of the plan will include careful monitoring and periodic reviews of our success. We intend to preserve the options of the public and the state Board of Natural Resources to revisit these policies and adapt them to meet changing needs and expectations. After all, the ideas embodied in the Forest Resource Plan will shape the landscape of Washington for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyle  
Commissioner of Public Lands



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